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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: JA, SU, OVIP

SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER HATOYAMA TO VISIT MOSCOW?

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1. DURING PAST WEEK PM FUKUDA COMMENTED, BOTH IN DIET INTERPELLATIONS AND REPORTEDLY TO SOVIET FISHERIES MINISTER ISHKOV, THAT HE HOPED FOREIGN MINISTER HATOYAMA COULD VISIT MOSCOW "AT AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY." DRAWING UPON THESE REMARKS, JAPANESE PRESS HAS BEGUN TO SPECULATE THAT HATOYAMA WILL VISIT SOVIET UNION EARLY THIS FALL.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, YOMIURI JOURNALIST COVERING FONOFF ASSERTED THAT THERE WAS MORE TO THIS STORY THAN USUAL JOURNALISTIC EMBROIDERY ON PM'S OFTEN DELIBERATELY VAGUE REMARKS. JOURNALIST CLAIMED THAT GOJ IS SERIOUSLY ATTEMPTING TO SET UP HATOYAMA VISIT FOR MID-SEPTEMBER. FONOFF 1ST EAST EUROPE DIVDIR TOGO'S REMARKS TO EMBOFF ON SCHEDULING PROBLEMS FOR US-JAPAN SOVIET EXPERTS TALKS IN MID-SEPTEMBER ALSO SUGGESTED SUCH POSSIBILITY (REFTEL). IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, HATOYAMA'S PRIVATE SECRETARY FUJITA REFRAINED FROM GOING INTO DETAIL BUT NOTED THAT VISIT AT THAT TIME WAS "A POSSIBILITY BUT DEPENDENT UPON SOVIET SCHEDULING."

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3. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO AGREEMENT REACHED DURING GROMYKO VISIT TO TOKYO IN 1976, JAPANESE FONMIN WAS SCHEDULED TO VISIT MOSCOW EARLY THIS YEAR AS PART OF ANNUAL ROUND OF MINISTERIALS. TRIP, HOWEVER, WAS INDEFINITELY POSTPONED BECAUSE OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL SCHEDULE AND DIPLOMATIC STRAIN BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.

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